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FOLLOWING REPEAT DAKAR 4181 ACTION STATE INFO ABIDJAN CAIRO  
RABAT LOME BANGUI MAPUTO LIBREVILLE LAGOS DAR ES SALAAM YAOUNDE  
GARORONE NAIROBI LUSAKA KHARTOUM NOUAKCHOTT PARIS BRUSSELS LONDON  
BONN ROME LISBON THE HAGUE OTTAWA MOSCOW JUNE 1.

QUOTE O N F I D E N T I A L DAKAR 4181

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MOPS, WFIN, EAID, CG, FR, BE, SG

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON RECOVERY EFFORT FOR ZAIRE

REF: STATE 137343

1. WE BELIEVE THAT SENEGAL WOULD BE PREPARED TO  
PARTICIPATE IN AN INTER-AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR  
DEPLOYMENT IN SHABA, BUT ONLY AT TOKEN LEVEL. ZAIRE  
AMBASSADOR TOLD ME THIS MORNING DURING ENCOUNTER AT  
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OFFICIAL FUNCTION THAT SENEGALESE PRIME MINISTER DIOUF  
REPORTEDLY INFORMED MOBUTU DURING LATTER'S "TECHNICAL  
STOP" IN DAKAR MAY 30-31 THAT SENEGAL WOULD BE WILLING TO  
HELP, BUT BECAUSE GOS ALREADY HAS 650-MAN BATTALION COMMITTED  
TO UN IN LEBANON, ANY SENEGALESE CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS  
PEACEKEEPING FORCES IN ZAIRE WOULD HAVE TO BE "SYMBOLIC."

2. WE DETECT NO SIGNS OF EARNEST PREPARATIONS HERE TO SEND SENEGALESE FORCES TO SHABA. WE DOUBT ANY SIGNIFICANT FORWARD MOVEMENT WILL BE MADE UNTIL PRESIDENT SENGHOR RETURNS AND ASSERTS HIS WILL BEHIND SENEGALESE POSITION. AT LEVEL OF GOS ADVISORS IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND MFA, WE PERCEIVE VERY MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT GOS ROLE IN PEACEKEEPING FORCE FOR ZAIRE. ON ONE HAND, SENEGALESE DO SUPPORT SENGHOR'S VIEW THAT MODERATE AFRICANS AND WESTERN COUNTRIES SHOULD TAKE MORE VIGOROUS ACTION TO COUNTER SOVIET AND CUBAN INITIATIVES IN AFRICA. ON OTHER SIDE, SAME SENEGALESE HAVE ZERO SYMPATHY OR SUPPORT FOR MOBUTU REGIME WHICH THEY SEE AS HAVING LEARNED NOTHING FROM 1977 SHABA EXPERIENCE.

3. IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO SENEGAL AND FAVORABLY INFLUENCE GOS ATTITUDE IF A WIDER CROSS-SECTION OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES WERE TO BACK IDEA FOR AN AFRICAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN SHABA. FAVORABLE REACTION FROM KEY ANGLOPHONE STATE LIKE NIGERIA WOULD HAVE PARTICULARLY BENEFICIAL EFFECT IN SENEGAL.  
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